

PET LICENSE FEES

Altered Cat \$17

Intact Cat \$24

Altered Dog \$19

Intact Dog \$29

Service Animal* \$0

Proof of spay or neutering is needed if you are licensing a pet at the altered rate for the first time. This is often indicated on the animal's rabies vaccination certificate. Dates of vaccinations will also be needed.

DOG PARK FEES

Resident Annual Permit \$15/dog

Non-Resident Annual Permit \$40/dog

Day Pass \$5/dog

Tag Relacement \$5/dog

Dates of vaccinations will be needed.

PURCHASE LOCATIONS

WEST DES MOINES CITY HALL

Parks and Recreation Dept.
4200 Mills Civic Parkway
8am-5pm, Monday-Friday
515.222.3444

RACCOON RIVER PARK

Nature Lodge
2500 Grand Avenue
8am-5pm, Monday-Friday or when
facility is open for rentals
515.222.3424

ONLINE - PET LICENSES ONLY

Available 24/7 online at
www.wdm.iowa.gov/WestPet

DOG PARK DAY PASSES

Also available online at
www.wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses

QUESTIONS?

Email us at WestPet@wdm.iowa.gov
or
Call us at
515.222.3600



CITY OF
WEST DES MOINES

PET LICENSES & DOG PARK PERMITS



RACCOON RIVER DOG PARK

2500 Grand Avenue

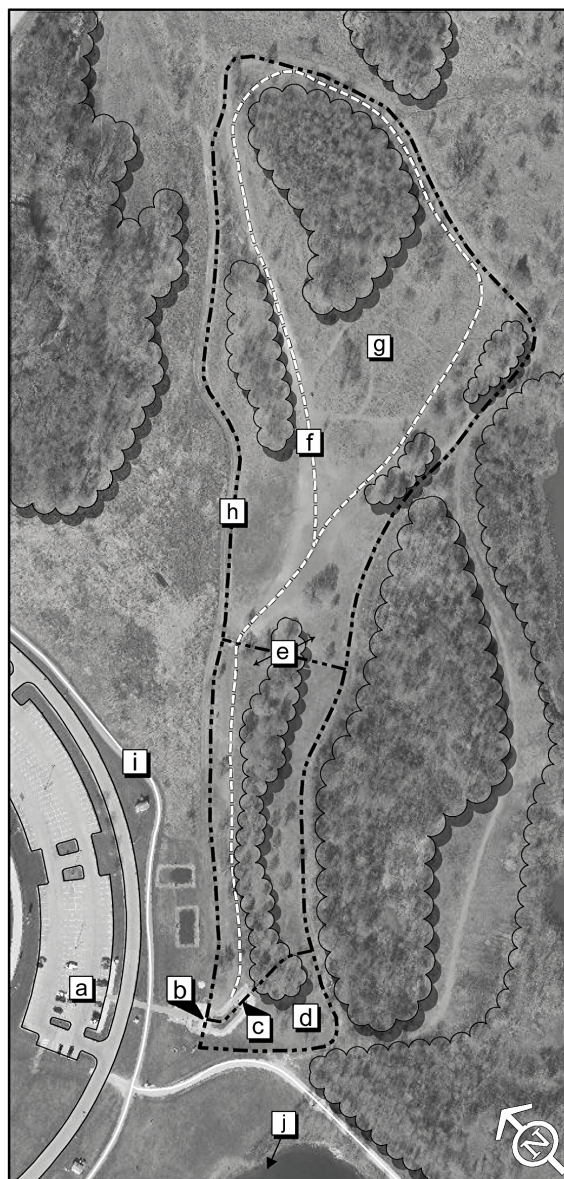
The City of West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department would like to welcome you and your dogs to the Raccoon River Dog Park, the city's only public leash-free area.

Please assist us in keeping the Raccoon River Dog Park safe and enjoyable for all visitors by doing the following:

- Purchase a required permit for each dog*—either an annual permit or day pass. The funds raised help to offset the cost of operating the Dog Park. Permits also help to ensure that dogs using the Dog Park have been vaccinated.
- Clean up after your dog and use the provided biodegradable bags and waste disposal.
- Abide by the rules regarding children. Although it may sound like fun, dog parks are not a place for small children.
- Follow all of the rules in this brochure, as well as, those posted at the Dog Park.
- Dog Park permits are valid for the calendar year.

DOG PARK HOURS
6:30am - sunset

***All dogs residing in the City of West Des Moines are required by law to have a City Pet License in order to purchase a Raccoon River Dog Park Annual Permit.**



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| a parking | f mowed path |
| b dual gate entrance | g tall grass prairie |
| c paved area w/ amenities (fountain, waste bags) | h perimeter fence |
| d small dog area (1/2 acre) | i multi-use trail |
| e large dog area (7 1/2 acres) | j Blue Heron Lake |

WEST DES MOINES DOG & CAT LICENSES



YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ANNUALLY LICENSE ALL PETS 6 MONTHS OR OLDER.

- Pet licenses are due by April 30.
- On or after May 1, a \$25 per pet late fee will apply.*
- In accordance with City Code, it is unlawful for an owner to harbor or house on their premises more than 4 animals over the age of 6 months.

*New residents and/or new pets are not subject to late fee but must license within 30 days.

LICENSE TAGS

The license tags you will receive are permanent tags designed to last many years. The number on the tag is your pet's permanent identifier. If you need a replacement tag, please call WestPet licensing customer service at 515.222.3600.

ANIMALS DEEMED VICIOUS

City code(s) requires that owners of animals deemed vicious must license their animal and provide proof of personal liability insurance in the amount of \$50,000 each time the animal is licensed. You must notify this agency at least ten (10) days in advance of cancelling or terminating the policy.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Certified service animals qualify for a waiver of the annual license fee. However, a license application must be submitted by the service animal owner annually, along with proof of service certification.



Raccoon River Dog Park Rules

- Hours of the Dog Park are 6:30 a.m. to sunset (7:00 p.m. during winter). The gates will be locked after hours.
- Use of the Dog Park is at the owner/handler's own risk. Permit/pass holders and their guests agree to hold the City of West Des Moines harmless for any injury or damages to person or property by use of the Dog Park.
- Proof of permit/pass is required for all dogs inside the Dog Park. Raccoon River Park personnel will perform random checks of tags.
- No permits will be issued for puppies under 16 weeks old. All dogs in the Dog Park must be at least 16 weeks old.
- Do not bring any dog with a known history of aggression, fighting, or biting. Any dog exhibiting aggressive or unruly behavior is required to be removed by the handler immediately. If you intentionally bring a dog with known aggressive tendencies into the Dog Park your permit will be subject to revocation.
- Each handler may have only 2 dogs at any time within the Dog Park.
- For the protection of the natural environment and the safety of the dogs, no smoking is allowed in the Dog Park. No alcohol of any kind is allowed in the Dog Park.
- No children under 10 years of age are allowed within the Dog Park. Unfortunately, small children are at greater risk of being injured at a dog park than are older children or adults.
- Handlers of dogs must be over 16 years of age. Children under 16 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times while within the Dog Park.

Raccoon River Dog Park Rules

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- No wheeled or motorized vehicles are allowed within the Dog Park. Exceptions to this are wheelchairs or other assistive equipment used by people with disabilities.
- Except for within the Dog Park, dogs must be on leash in all areas of the West Des Moines park system, including Raccoon River Park. You may unleash your dog only after entering the fenced Dog Park. Carry a leash for each dog at all times while in the Dog Park.
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the Dog Park.
- All owners/handlers must clean up after their dog in all areas of the Dog Park, including tall grass areas. Remember that this applies not only to the Dog Park, but to all public property. Please use the provided waste bags.
- Dogs shall be under visual contact and voice control of the handler at all times. You must stay within close range of your dog and must never leave your dog unattended.
- Permits, passes, and tags cannot be transferred to other dogs or dog owners.
- Dogs in the Small Dog Area of the Dog Park can be no taller than 13" at the shoulder and weigh no more than 25 pounds. Small dogs can use all areas of the Dog Park, but please keep in mind that it is possible for small dogs to be accidentally injured by larger dogs.
- No animal food is allowed within the Dog Park, other than small training treats.
- **The permit may be permanently revoked for any violation of these rules. It is important that the dog owner, as well as any other person bringing the dog to the Dog Park, be knowledgeable of the rules.**